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| ***FCC - News from the Federal Communications Commission***  **Media Contact:**  Tina Pelkey, (202) 418-0536  tina.pelkey@fcc.gov  **For Immediate Release**  **CHAIRMAN PAI STATEMENT ON FAILURE OF CRA ATTEMPTING TO OVERTURN FCC’S RESTORING INTERNET FREEDOM ORDER**  WASHINGTON, January 2, 2019—As the 115th Congress comes to an end, so too has the gambit to invalidate the FCC’s *Restoring Internet Freedom Order* through the Congressional Review Act (CRA). Federal Communications Commission Chairman Ajit Pai released the following statement regarding the failure of the effort to use the CRA to overturn the *Restoring Internet Freedom Order*:  “I’m pleased that a strong bipartisan majority of the U.S. House of Representatives declined to reinstate heavy-handed Internet regulation. They did the right thing—especially considering the positive results for American consumers since the adoption of the *Restoring Internet Freedom Order*. Over the past year, the Internet has remained free and open. Broadband speeds are up, with download speeds in the United States increasing more than 35% in 2018, according to a recent report from Ookla. Internet access is also expanding, and the digital divide is closing. For example, a recent report by the Fiber Broadband Association found that fiber was made available to more new homes in 2018 than in *any* previous year. In short, the FCC’s light-touch approach is working. In 2019, we’ll continue to pursue our forward-looking agenda to bring digital opportunity to all Americans.”  ###  **Office of Media Relations: (202) 418-0500**  **ASL Videophone: (844) 432-2275**  **TTY: (888) 835-5322**  **Twitter: @FCC**  **www.fcc.gov/office-media-relations**  *This is an unofficial announcement of Commission action. Release of the full text of a Commission order constitutes official action. See MCI v. FCC, 515 F.2d 385 (D.C. Cir. 1974).* |